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SUBJ: PRAIA TEMPORARY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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1. PARA 1 REFEL: CONCUR WITH VOLTAGE REGULATOR REQUIREMENT AND SUGGEST WE USE SURPLUS 25 KVA UNIT NOW IN LOME FOR TEMP OPERATION PRAIA. THIS WILL FACILITATE INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT COMCENTER IN NEW OFFICE BUILDING. SMALLER UNIT COULD EASILY BE INSTALLED CHARGE'S SECRETARY'S OFFICE OPPOSITE POWER DISTRIBUTION PANEL FOR 4TH FLOOR, WHICH LOCATED IMMEDIATELY AT TOP OF STAIRS TO RIGHT OF AND APPROX 18 INCHES FROM DOOR TO STAIRWELL LANDING (SEE PG 21 OF FBO ARCHITECTS SITE SURVEY REPORT).

2. PARA 3.A REFTTEL: DEPT SPECIFIED DIESEL GENERATOR VICE GASOLINE. CONCUR. WILL DEPT PURCHASE AND SHIP OR SHOULD POST PROCURE LOCALLY SINCE UNIT WILL BE NECESSITY HAVE TO BE SMALL (APPROX 15 KVA) IN ORDER TO BE ACCOMMODATED ON ROOF. PARA 3.B: SURVEY TEAM CONSIDERED CLASS V VAULT DOOR AND
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RECOMMENDED TWO INCH SOLID DOOR OF PLYWOOD FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. CLASS V VAULT DOOR WOULD HAVE TO BE A LEFT HAND SWING (BACK TO HINGES - DOOR OPENS TO LEFT) AND LOCATED IN CHARGE'S SECRETARY'S OFFICE IN EXISTING DOORWAY DUE TO NO SPACE IN CORRIDOR FOR DOOR TO OPEN (SEE PG 21 OF ARCHITECTS SITE SURVEY REPORT). THIS MEANS VISITORS TO CHARGE'S OFFICE AND

CHARGE WILL BE VIEWING VAULT DOOR AND INTERIOR OF TEMP COMM CENTER AT ALL TIMES WHEN VAULT DOOR OPEN.

B. IT WAS FELT THAT WITH AN APPROVED SECURITY CONTAINER AND A TWO TO THREE INCH SOLID DOOR CONSTRUCTED OF LAYERED 3/4 INCH PLYWOOD MOUNTED IN A HEAVY MOHAGANY DOOR FRAME WHICH HAD BEEN KEYED OR ANCHORED INTO THE WALL MASONRY, WITH HINGES ON INSIDE AND AN OPTICAL VIEWER THE AREA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR HANDLING THRU CONFIDENTIAL NON-PRIVACY TRAFFIC. WE WOULD ALSO REQUEST RSO TO INSTALL AN ULTRASONIC ALARM IN THE AREA, WITH A CONNECTION TO VHF SELCAL.

C. THE LOCATION OF THE WOOD DOOR AS DESCRIBED ABOVE COULD BE IN OUTER CORRIDOR WHICH WOULD RELINQUISH MUCH NEEDED SPACE IN CHARGE'S OFFICE.

D. AT SOME POINT, UNLESS DEPT INTENDS TO PURCHASE AND SHIP SECOND CLASS V VAULT DOOR FOR VAULT AREA IN NOB, THE CLASS V VAULT DOOR WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED AND REINSTALLED IN NOB. THIS WILL LEAVE TEMP COMCENTER WITH NO SECURITY FOR PERIOD OF SITE PREP AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION IN NOB.

E. DOUBTFUL IF CLASS V VAULT DOOR COULD BE AIR SHIPPED TO PRAIA DUE TYPE AIRCRAFT SERVICING CAPE VERDE. SMALL PROP TYPE COMMUTER AIRCRAFT WITH VERY RPT VERY LIMITED CARGO SPACE. SURFACE SHIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, ADVISE IF DEPT INTENDS PROCEED AS OUTLINED REFTEL. SMITH

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